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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arenberg, et al.

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS INTO THE INNER EAR

Serial No.: 09/205,251

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Examiner: Thanh, L.

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Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 5/8/02

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 05/08/02. A **2 month extension of time is requested and petitioned for under 37 CFR 1.136**, making a response due by 10/08/02. Applicants request that in view of the following amendments and remarks, the application be reconsidered.

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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